

SEINERS WILL SOON BE FITTING OUT

Early Southern Fleet Are All "Gasliners" But One.

The early fleet of southern seiners will number some 20 sail this season and during the next few weeks there will be scenes of much activity along the water front, getting the crafts into trim for their annual spring cruise.

There is a sort of a fascination about seining and the skippers and crews are counting the days when they can get away and search for the elusive mackerel which will soon be showing. Hauling out on the ways, the tarrers and scrapers swinging aloft and general overhauling are some of the conspicuous features, which indicate to the observer the preparation for the annual voyage.

There will be some change in the personnel of skippers, while there will probably be a few additions to the list. The crafts and captains who will engage in seining south are as follows:

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons.
Sch. Norma, Capt. John A. McKinnon.
Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire.
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, Capt. Martin L. Welch.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Ambrose Fleet.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Reuben Cameron.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John S. Seavy.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Wallace Walker.

Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firth.

Sch. Corsair, Capt. George G. Hamor.

Sch. Pythian, Capt. Solomon Jacobs.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. John Matheson.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Lewis Carritte.

Sch. Victor, Capt. Douglass McLean.

Sch. Arabia, Capt. Norman A. Ross.

Sch. Harvard.

Sch. Romance, Capt. Almon D. Mallock.

Str. Thelma, Capt. Elroy Prior.

Str. Lois H. Corkum, Capt. William Corkum.

Of the above fleet, all the crafts are equipped with engines with the exception of the Arabia.

Several of the crafts are planning to get away by April 1 after the full moon, when the dark nights will be on.

JAP FISH TRUST IS BROKEN UP

The Japanese codfish trust at Vancouver, British Columbia, has for the time being at least been broken up. Some years ago a large number of Japanese fishermen got together and formed a combine for the supplying of cultus and rock cod to the Vancouver market. This trust was arranged on a co-operative basis, each member having his portion of the work allotted to him. Some of them were engaged exclusively in fishing for shiners to be used as bait, others used their boats for the purpose of bringing cod from the fishermen to the early morning market, and the balance of the members did the actual fishing for cod.

The cod were all brought in alive and were kept alive in wells in the carrying boats. By this means, if too much cod was produced, the Japanese fishermen simply quit fishing for a while until the stock of live fish held in the wells in the fishing boats was exhausted, when they resumed fishing again. If competition offered, they simply reduced the price until the other fellow had to get out. Of late, however, the competition has been so large that the Japanese had some difficulty in disposing of it. This caused internal dissension and quarreling among the members, with the result that the union has been broken up and the price of the fish considerably reduced.

Sealers in Ice Peril.

The advance guard of the sealing fleet, the steamers Terra Nova, Viking, Erik and Diana, were threatened with damage by the ice pack off St. John's, N. F. yesterday, but a change of wind enabled them to run the ice blockade.

The four vessels slipped through the lanes between the floes without injury, and tonight were again on their way to the sealing grounds in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Portland Fish Notes.

The beam trawler Long Island came in Tuesday with a fare of 20,000 pounds of market fish, which she landed at Commercial wharf. She arrived with her steam steering gear disabled, she being steered by hand by means of tackles and blocks. After landing her fish she went around to the Portland Company's wharf, where she is to undergo repairs.

Last Year's Seal Catch.

The Newfoundland seal catch last year numbered 233,718, valued at about half a million dollars.

Fish Man Dead.

S. Thomas Cobb of Freeman & Cobb of the new Boston fresh fish pier, died suddenly yesterday of heart failure at his home, 14 Mt. Everett street, Dorchester. He was born in Eastham, 65 years ago and had been a resident of Dorchester for 25 years. He retired from active business 25 years ago. He is survived by a widow, one daughter, Mrs. Harrison G. Burgess; one son, Frederick L. Cobb of Arlington, and a brother, George B. Cobb of Worcester.

NOT A TRIP AT BOSTON TODAY

It was one of the driest days at Boston fish markets this morning experienced in several weeks. At 10 o'clock, not an arrival had been reported since yesterday, the only fish being shipments received from the road.

Quotations, wholesale were 100 hundred pounds for haddock, \$3.25 large and \$3 to \$3.50 for market, \$3 to \$6 for hake and \$3 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in the market are:

No arrivals.
Haddock, \$5.50 per cwt., large; \$5.25; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake to \$6; pollock, \$2.

WILL LAND SICK MEN AT HALF PRICE

In accordance with the suggestion of Capt. Hall of the hospital, Androscoggin, the department of Washington has modified its regulations thereby allowing the landing of sick men from the fishing fleet at half price and their reception to the hospital.

The instructions in question, explained, had been issued in accordance with the Public Health Service law, but the State Department had been asked to arrange with the American Consul General at London to reach an agreement with the British authorities through which patients might be put ashore and cared for.

Delays in taking such men to American ports, because of the distance from the Eastern States would prove fatal in many cases, officers say. The new arrangement is expected by them to be of great benefit to the fishermen.

GAS BUOY MARKS ROUND ROCK

The United States Buoy Tender flower yesterday took up the Pound Island ledge buoy and another to mark Round Rock. The red and black spar was taken from Round Rock shoal was taken a black one substituted. The buoy is placed about 300 yards from the shore by west from the spar buoy.

The change of the buoy on Pound Island ledge to Round Rock shoal is a result of petitions and meetings between representatives of the Gloucester Board of the Lighthouse Board in Boston.

PAID HIGH FOR PACIFIC HALIBUT

Says the Pacific Fishermen: Stormy weather prevailed on the Alaska banks during the greater part of the month, with the result that the catch arriving in Seattle was the smallest for any one month since January, 1913. Owing to the short supply, prices were boosted skyward. On one occasion halibut was so scarce that a price of 12 1-2 cents was paid for part of a shipment of boxed fish which arrived on the Alameda. This is the highest price paid for halibut in the Seattle market since January 1913, when 13 1-2 cents was paid. The highest price received by a schooner during the month was 11 cents, which was paid to the Decorah.

Late in January the weather improved very materially and if it continues in this condition for a while February will show a material gain over January.

On January 28 the S. S. Alameda arrived with the record shipment of 666 boxes of iced halibut. Of these 623 boxes came from Ketchikan and 43 from Juneau. The record for the largest previous shipment is held by the Jefferson, which in 1913 brought down from Alaska a single consignment of 587 boxes.

Newfoundland Ice Report.

Gulf.

Magdalen Islands—Thick weather. Money Point—Clear north-west, light open ice everywhere.

Scatteria—Clear north-west, heavy close packed ice distant.

Flat Point—Clear, west; heavy open Cape Ray—Cloudy, north-west; no ice.

Codroy—Wind W. S. W., moderate; Codroy—Wind W. S. W.,

Front.

Seal Cove—Wind S. E., heavy rain; ice still in bay, no seals.

Tilt Cove—Light, southerly, heavy rains and very mild; bay full slob ice.

Twillingate—Wind west, light, mild, with fog and rain; bay full ice and slob.

Nipper's Hr.—Strong N. E. winds, wet weather; bay blocked with slob ice.

Fogo—Calm, foggy, raining, very mild; ice in.

Change Islands—Light N. W., ice off land; strong E. wind, heavy rain Sunday.

Greenspond—Wind S. W., light, rain; bay full ice.

Bonavisia—Very light wind about west, with rain; ice about four miles off from South Shore.

Catalina—Light N. W. wind, weather clearing; north side bay blocked with ice.—St. John's Herald, March 2.

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SHORE BOATS TAKE OUT HERE

**Little Flounder Craft Com-
mence Operations—First
Landing is 10 Barrels.**

Two shore fares were landed at the pier yesterday afternoon. Sch. Adeline had 5000 pounds and sch. Russell 100 pounds. The flounder fishermen landed 10 barrels and the gill netters about 18,000 pounds. The Ethel was on the line, having 7000 pounds, 5000 pounds being pollock.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
Sch. Adeline, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Russell, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Flounder draggers, 10 bbls. flounder.
Italian boats, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fish.
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 500 lbs. fish.
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 500 lbs. fish.
Str. Bryda F., gill netting, 500 lbs. fish.
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 500 lbs. fish.
Str. Quartette, gill netting, 900 lbs. fish.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, via Boston.
Sch. Muriel, via Boston.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, via Boston.
Sch. Georgianna, via Boston.
Sch. Russell, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Edith Silvera, shore.
Sch. Leonora Silvera, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, haddocking.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.
Sch. Mystery, halibuting.
Sch. Hortense, Georges handlining.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, 3. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.50.
Newfoundland herring, \$3.25 per bbl. for salt bulk, \$4.25 per bbl. for pickled.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.25.
Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.15; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
Fresh halibut \$1-2c for white and 7c for small gray and 4 1-2 cents for large grays.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per lb.

BEAM TRAWLERS FOR PORTLAND

The Portland fishing fleet has just received a notable addition in the purchase by a local canning company of the porgie steamers East Hampton and Long Island and from their New York owners. These steamers, intended for the porgie fishing business, have not been used in that line of late, owing to the almost total failure of the catch the past two years.

The steamers will at once be transformed into beam trawlers, their new owners, the Burnham & Morrill Company, planning to use them in catching fish for canning purposes at their factory in Portland. Steam trawlers were used here last summer with success in the fishing trade.

The Long Island for some period of time, has been engaged in beam trawling, having landed fares at Boston, New York and this port, as well.

Sealers Heading Out to Sea.

The sealing steamers Terra Nova, Erik, Viking and Diana, which have been ice-bound off St. John's, N. F., for the past three days were making their way slowly through the floes yesterday aided by a favorable shift of wind. The breeze was blowing off shore, and it was believed that the danger threatening the ships had passed.

Portland Fishing News.

The fishing steamers Navis and Elthier, which have been tied up at Central wharf all winter, are now undergoing repairs and will shortly join the fleet of netters fishing out of this port.

Will Ship to Ireland.

Of the million pounds of codfish purchased at Bonne Bay in January, by Farquhar & Co., of Halifax, 800,000 pounds will be shipped to Ireland.

Shifted Over.

Sch. Mystery, Capt. James Mason, has changed from haddocking to halibuting and sailed today.

Newfoundland Cod Catch.

The total Newfoundland cod catch last year amounted to about 125,550,000 pounds valued at about \$7,300,000.

Good Fishing.

Last week the fishermen of Port aux Basques succeeded in taking upwards of five thousand quintals of fish. This time last year, the fishing industry at that place was a total failure.—North Sydney Herald.

LEAN FISH DAY AT THIS PORT

The only vessel arrival in the past 24 hours was sch. Jorgina which came in yesterday afternoon with 3000 pounds fresh fish from the shore grounds. The Italian boats and gill netters had a lean day, only a few of the fleet being out. About 8000 pounds fish was landed.

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Sch. Jorgina, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Italian boats, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Evelyn H., gill netting 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, haddocking.
Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.
Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, off shore haddocking.
Sch. Mary F. Sears, off shore haddocking.
Sch. Harriett, haddocking.
Sch. Adeline, haddocking.
Sch. Leonora Silvera, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silvera, haddocking.
Sch. Russell, haddocking.
Sch. Manomet, haddocking.
Sch. Eva and Mildred, haddocking.
Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.
Sch. Maxine Elliott, salt trawl banking.

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TWO DAYS AND NO BOSTON ARRIVAL

For the second day not an arrival was reported at the Boston fish marts. Things have not been so dull for a long while, the last fare taken out being at the new pier, Thursday morning.

Prices on overland shipments were \$5 a hundred for haddock, \$5.50 for large cod, \$3.25 for market cod, \$4 to \$6 for hake and \$3.50 for pollock.

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LUNENBURG BANKERS CLEAR

The fine weather has caused great activity among the Lunenburg banking outfitters and the wharves are the center toward which the bulk of the business of the town is headed. Among the first bankers to receive their clearing papers are the James B. Cook, Captain A. Cook; Clintonia, Mack; Harry L. Montague, Knicker; Carrie L. Hirtle, Hirtle; W. P. White, Knock; M. M. Gardner, Backman; Muriel Waters, Walters; Frances Smith, Mossman; Revenue, Zinck; James Douglass, Romkey; Cecil Beck; Beck; H. M. MacIntosh, Whynot; Assurance, Zinck; J. D. Hazen, Himelman; Doris Myra, Myra; Deliverance, B. Cook; L. H. Smith, Westhaver; Hawanee, Cook.

Pensacola Notes.

The sch. Barcelona, the latest fishing vessel to be built in Pensacola by the Warren Fish Company, was expected to sail for her first trip to the snapper banks about the middle of last week. Captain Joe Fish, who was formerly master of sch. Rena Percy, will be in command of the Barcelona. The Barcelona was being fitted out with anchors, sails, cables and all other necessary equipment at Baylen street wharf. She was hauled out on the ways last week to be given a final overhauling before going to sea.

Steam Trawler at New York.

Steamer Heroine, one of the beam trawling fleet arrived at New York last week with 100,000 pounds fresh fish. The stores handled about 75,000 pound and three firms at Fulton market, 25,000 pounds. Steamer Long Island arrived Thursday at New York with 100,000 pound that was handled by the Fulton market dealers. The fish run small and were caught on Georges.

Good Stock.

Sch. Sylvania, Capt. Jeffery Thomas stocked \$1700 on her haddocking trip this week, the crew's part being \$37 clear.